

CORINTHIAN



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*Life is the game that must be played:
This truth at least, good friends, we know;
To live and laugh nor be dismayed
As one by one the phantoms go.*

—Edwin Arlington Robinson

The Corinthian

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Philadelphia, Pa.



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Class Theme—Sportsmanship

*"Keep coming back with all you've got and take it with a grin,
When disappointment trips you up or failure barks
your skin;
Keep coming back, and if at last you lose the game
of right,
Let those who whipped you know at least they too
have had a fight."*

Appreciations

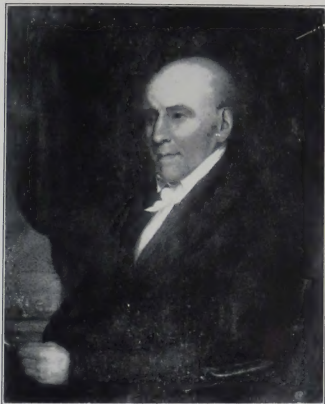
- Jack Smyth and the students of the Print Shop, who gave unselfishly of their free time to the actual printing of this booklet.
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- Dr. William Zeil, who helped with the selection of the cover design done by James Erario and gave suggestions for art improvements when they were needed.
- Dr. Raymond I. Haskell, for his time, effort, and many helpful suggestions as our sponsor.



The Faculty and Library Staff of the Department of Secondary Education

At this hour of parting from the home and school of our past decade, the Class of 1956 salutes those wonderful people who have been our teachers, our friends, and our guides. May they live long in Godard with the energy, the good will, and the wisdom which have inspired us to do and to think our best at all times.

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Dear Stephen Girard:

In a short while the ninety or so boys in our class will turn their backs for the last time to the age-worn pillars of Founder's Hall. It seems but a short time ago that each one of us looked at that building for the first time. Its towering columns and massive stone blocks were ominous and foreboding. We were dwarfed by its towering height.

Today Founder's Hall means more to us than its designer could possibly imagine. It has a warm and sentimental glow and not the dim shadow we once beheld. Founder's Hall is the symbol of our days at Girard. Those happy hours when we played and worked with our friends or prepared to leave on vacation, and those unhappy times when we longed for home or maybe received a poor report card, lie along its galleries. Among them are the pride in that first soccer goal and that swollen black eye, the mishap of a disagreement with a classmate.

But beyond the huge, brown doors of Founder's Hall there is another monument of deep meaning—a statue of you, Mr. Girard, standing as you were when we entered Girard as little boys. It seemed that you were watching each one of us every day. You reminded us that we were your sons, and we left obligated to make you proud of our heritage.

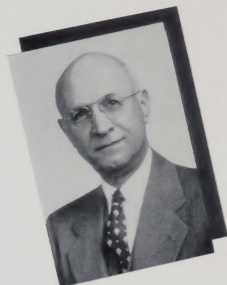
Now there are new challenges ahead, and we must leave our Alma Mater behind. But as we leave, Mr. Girard, each one of us will take along the spirit and the meaning of the school and home that we knew as your foster sons. But, most of all, we will take with us the image of you standing on that pedestal and the expression on your face that seems to reflect your unforgettable wisdom: "My deeds must be my life; when I am dead my actions must speak for me."

Class of June, 1956

*We Dedicate this Book
with Gratitude to:*

Dr. Morris Wolf, A.M., Ph.D

Head, Department of Social Studies
Sponsor, National Honor Society

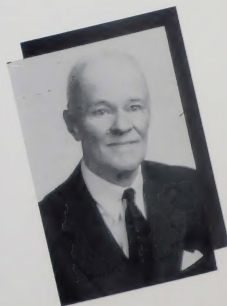


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Teacher of Social Studies

*Dr. Harry C. Banks, Jr.,
Mus. Doc., A.A.G.O.*

Director of Vocal Music





Mr. Karl R. Friedmann

Girard College
Philadelphia
June 1, 1956

To the Graduates of 1956:

When you receive this book, you will be in the midst of the emotional excitement and the activity of graduation. Not now, perhaps, but later, after "the shouting and the tumult dies," read this letter very carefully and ponder a bit, as we who work with you are now pondering, over the measure of our success in your education. This is our deep concern for the members of your class even as it has been for all the Girardians who have preceded you.

There is no great question over the adequacy of your academic or vocational preparation. The thoroughness of your knowledge in the various academic fields and the soundness of judgements based thereon have been tested so frequently and the skills developed in your vocational courses have been observed so regularly and repeatedly that, in these respects, we are confident you are well qualified to find and fill successfully a satisfactory place in community life. Many of you are well equipped by ability, performance, and motivation to continue in the field of higher education; all of you are prepared vocationally to make a good start in business or industry.

What we ponder over is the degree to which you have become men. Have we helped you enough along the way? In the classroom, in your dormitory life, and throughout all the many activities in which you have been engaged, have we taught successfully and emphasized enough those principles of living and traits of character which make the "good life" possible?

Are you men of integrity? Are you honest, reliable and trustworthy? Are you fair and kind and unselfish? Do you have the courage to do that which you know is right? Do you persevere in your efforts to improve? Do you practice the Golden Rule? Will you be friendly and cooperate? Will you be reverent?

These are among the major questions you will have to face not once but over and over again along the road you travel. However worthy your present intention may be, you cannot give an immediate reply; the answer will be found in your reaction to the innumerable situations, great or small, you will meet in life. The answer is your life. Therefore we ponder sincere, we hope confidently that you will keep unsullied the Girard reputation for building men of character, and we pray that our instruction and influence during these formative years will be of use and help. May God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

Karl R. Friedmann

Vice-President

ALLEN HALL



First Row: Mrs. Zdanowicz, Mr. Zdanowicz
Second Row: Mr. Lander, Dr. Zeil, Dr. White

When we entered Allen Hall to take on one of our many new privileges, we noticed something that we had never before experienced. All through Girard we were used to living and working in groups. However, with the title of "Senior", we had to adopt a sense of responsibility and individuality.

Allen was something altogether different. As we moved through the College, the thought of living in Allen became more and more real. Then, after those patient years, that dream became a reality.

We soon became used to bells ushering us off to the dining room, or chapel, or reminding us that study would soon begin. "Good night, men, scholars, and friends," were little sayings of our housemasters when they checked the rooms at night.



PHONE

RUSH

OF '56

The writer of the song "Forty-five Men in the Telephone Booth" got his inspiration after he saw the Allen Hall phone booth the night before a dance. The phone calls, however, enabled us to get dates for our dances and house parties that were a big success due to the efforts of Dr. Zeil.

On Friday, February 13, 1956 Allen Hall enrolled the first co-ed. The little girl, Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zdanowicz.

Now, on Commencement Day, everything that we experienced in Allen Hall lives in the cherished past.



THE DRAMATIC CLUB



First Row: Bertino, Havira, Roach, Melvin, Bralczyk, Wiggins, Walker
 Second Row: Snyder, Price, Batalsky, Pelagatti, Pearson, Sheitelman
 Third Row: Miller, Chadwick, McCabe, Walendziewicz
 Fourth Row: Schoffstall, B. Lewis, McGhee, Anton, Smeader
 Fifth Row: Corridoni, Erario
 Sixth Row: Diorio, C. Brown

Our class is one of the few that can claim participation in Dramatic Club plays in their sophomore year. In "The Statue" and "Nicholas Nickleby," Bill Darling and Howard Anton made their debuts on the Girard College stage with major parts.

Four plays were presented in our junior year. The Christmas play, "The Pharmacist's Mate," took Bob Roach in a major role as the pharmacist's mate himself, with Tony Bralczyk and Frank Pearson portraying two of the ship's officers. Although all the major parts of "The Christmas Carol" were handled by the current seniors, Bill Darling, Howard Anton, and Bob Melvin did well in supporting roles.

"O'Halloran's Luck" and "Captain of the Gate" were billed as our spring plays. Bob Roach again excelled here as a very Irish Tim O'Halloran. Richard Chadwick, William Smeader, Gus Pelagatti and Abe Sheitelman performed well as supporting actors. Howard Anton, Bill Darling, and Tony Bralczyk headed the cast of "Captain of the Gate," and were convincing as officers of the Royalist Army fighting against Cromwell.

Bob Melvin, Bob Roach, and Tony Bralczyk as Seniors were elected as president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer of the club respectively. Immediately after these elections, work was started on the Christmas play, "The Ghost of Benjamin Sweet," which had Bob Roach, Bob Melvin, Frank Pearson, Carl Havira, Abe Sheitelman and Tony Bralczyk in important roles.

It is appropriate that we should mention the "unsung heroes" of the Club, the make-up staff, and the stage hands. Jerome Batalsky did an excellent job as chairman of the make-up staff. His assistants, Don McGhee and Mark Miller, are also to be commended for their expert services and advice. The stage hands, headed by Bob Newlin, merit applause for preparing the scenery as efficiently as they did.

Mr. Henry V. Andrews, Dramatic Club coach, deserves much of the credit for the success of the plays. Without his excellent guidance and training, the plays could not have had such success. The Club was also happy to have been associated with Miss Fern McCracken, who took many of the female character roles.

CORINTHIAN



First Row: Erario, Briggs, Diorio, Newton
 Second Row: Lydic, Krachman, Anton, Smyth
 Third Row: Sheitelman, Chadwick, Pearson, Bralczyk, Wybranski

After much labor and debating over policies and procedures in meetings under the direction of Dr. Haskell, we have this to offer as our finished product. His strictness in making us work on schedule has made this "Corinthian" what it is. Without his rigorous and helpful, appreciated suggestions, we would have failed.

Copy, as it was handed to Dr. Haskell, was sent to the Print Shop. Here, under the direction of Mr. Daffin, the linotype slugs were cast and the presses rolled to complete many months of tiring work. As you see here, Mr. Daffin, directing very capable Print Shop students has produced the excellent job which he has always done on our publications.



GIRARDIAN

First Row: Havira, Miller, Chadwick, Flanagan, Newton, Carola
 Second Row: D. Lewis, Breault, McGhee, Jones
 Third Row: Briggs, Costello, Corridoni
 Fourth Row: Darling, Shiels

With a late start "The Girardian" organized and elected Richrd Chadwick editor-in-chief. In a succeeding meeting assistant editors Carl Havira and Joe Flanagan were voted into office. Mark Miller and Larr, Carola as art editor and printing advisor respectively completed the staff.

The Print Shop boys helped us with unselfish and unending efforts. Their skills, directed by Mr. Daffin, combined speed with accuracy till the last run came off the press.

Mr. MacGregor, the capable sponsor, tied the loose ends together when any situation arose. He spent many long hours in correcting and editing copy, and in helping the editors.

All worked hard side by side contributing their work to the Magazine; the result was two completely filled covers to cover with writings of literary quality and great local interest.

THE GIRARD NEWS



Class of '56 on The News

First Row: Shiels, Smith, Morgan, Wood, Roach, Pearson, Anton, Daring, Carola, Diorio, Titus, Stafford
 Second Row: Holzinger, Miller, Havira, Walendziewicz, Sheitelman, Newton, McGhee, Smeader, Zimring
 Third Row: Lydic, Fritz, Pelagatti, Batalsky, Ronczka, Wybranski, Lyons, Silavno
 Fourth Row: Smyth, Lewis, Bowman, Corridoni, Bertino

This year, as a result of hard work and fine quality, "The Girard News" was accepted by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, a high honor for any high school newspaper. We wish to congratulate the entire staff and Dr. Haskell on this merited attainment.

Our "News" was headed by Editors H. Frank Pearson, Howard Anton, Eugene Walendziewicz, and Abraham Sheitelman, all of whom kept the publication running smoothly. The "sports world" was always up-to-date with fine detail through the efforts of the Sport Editors Kent Lydic, Carl Havira, and their staff Fred Wood, Joe Morgan, John Smith, Ed Malampy, Gus Pelagatti, and Bob Holzinger. Jerry Batalsky wrote the "Personalities" column while Bill Darling and Stanley Wybranski kept us laughing with their "Ho-Hum" column.

John Smyth managed the exchange department so that other schools might enjoy the paper and Jon Newton's "Allenite" as much as we did. Special credit goes to Fred Zimring, Business Manager, Don McGhee, Printing Advisor, Mark Miller, Illustrator, Bill Smeader, Photographer, and Tony Diorio, Distribution Manager. Reporting on everyday facts and occurrences were Larry Carola, Pete Corridoni, Barry Lewis, Mitch Lyons, and Bill Stafford.

The class and "News" Staff deeply appreciate the efforts of Dr. Raymond Haskell, sponsor, and Mr. M. Arnold Daffin, printing instructor, who had a great part in making the paper what it was. Special thanks go to the Alumni who have financed "The News" for several years.



G L E E C L U B

First Row: Pelagatti, Dornbach, Silvano, Darling
 Second Row: Bertino, Nelson, Morgan, Havira, Stafford, Batalsky
 Third Row: Smith, Flanagan, Taylor, Linthicum, Miller, Schoffstall, Walendziewicz
 Fourth Row: Corridoni, Worrell, Roach, Newlin, C. Brown, Walker, Wiggins, B. Lewis

At the end of June, 1955, boy after boy tried his luck in gaining admission to the Glee Club. However, only a few made it. These, under the direction of Dr. Harry C. Banks, Jr., provided the student body with anthems on Sundays and during the Christmas Concert.

Bob Newlin, a member of the Glee Club for two and a half years, presided over the group. Rich Linthicum, with his melodious voice, took on the job as Vice-President. The position of Secretary-Treasurer went to John Smith. Chuck Brown, the tall red-head with a deep voice, served as Librarian.

The combined efforts of Bob Newlin, Dr. Banks, and the rest of the boys have made the Glee Club an outstanding organization in the College.

STUDENT CENTER



Lewis, Bruno, Mr. MacGregor, Price, Jones

It is hard to thank Harry Price enough for the many hours he spent working assiduously in the Student Center. For more than half the year Harry had to act as bookkeeper, assistant manager, and manager—a heavy burden for anybody to carry. Despite these handicaps Harry steered the Center to another fine success.

Working at his side were Bob Jones, Barry Lewis, and Ralph Bruno, who had the laborious job of counter heads. All of them devoted many long hours keeping counters filled, workers in line, and customers happy. Martin Pastilnick also did a fine job as advertising manager. They deserve more praise than we can give them.

Under Harry's leadership, plans were made to move the Center from Founder's Hall. This is the first major change proposed in a number of years.

Sincere thanks are also extended to Mr. MacGregor, whose guidance and keen interest were invaluable.

CADET OFFICERS



Back Row: Richner, C. Brown
 Sixth Row: Smith, Jones, V. Brown
 Fifth Row: Newlin, Lyons, Lydic, Newton, Wood, Malumphy, Anton, Smeader
 Fourth Row: Tevin, Diorio, Garman, Pudimott, Morgan, Harbison, Walker, Lawson, Houghton
 Third Row: Batalsky, Hodgson, Worrell, Craun, Chadwick, Havira, Steinhoff
 Second Row: Carola, McGhee, Briggs, Corbin, Pelagatti, Steinhoff
 First Row: Flanagan, Boell, Stalford, York, Shelesky

The Battalion was led this year by a competent staff with William Stalford, who worked untiringly to better our military organization as Cadet Major. Captain of Recruits William Boell, Captain Inspector Joseph Flanagan, and Quartermaster Raymond Shelesky, backed by Major Stalford through a successful year.

Sergeant-Major Richard Houghton gave the order for our snappy Color Guard, assisted by Sergeant Quarter Master Robert Harbison. Marching in front of their respective companies were Company-Commander Daniel McGhee, William Briggs, Carl Corbin, and Gus Pelagatti.

The tension was high on the afternoon of January 13, as the first Competitive drill of the school year was held. Although every company gave a fine exhibition, there was a rearrangement of positions. In first came Co. B, followed by Co. D, Co. A, and Co. C.

Founder's Day found the Battalion in close-order drill displaying its fine military qualities. The Fifth Platoon commanded by John D'Aleandro thrilled Alumni and guests with an outstanding performance. With "Officers Center", the battalion was commended by the distinguished guests of honor for a job well done.

On June 5, competitive drill brought to an end the Friday-afternoon drills for the school year 1957-58. We sincerely wish to thank Colonel Hamilton for working so hard to make the Battalion the fine organization that it is.

CONCERT BAND



Members in "1956"

First Row: Ronczka, Wybranski, Becker, Nelson, Stone

Second Row: Corridoni, Schoffstall, Miller, Taylor

Third Row: Walendziewicz, Breault, Costello, Pearson

It will be no easy task for the future Concert Band of Girard to surpass the record established by our band under the leadership of Captain Ralph Becker. The Concert Band of '56 has left us something to be proud of. They have left a good impression.

The memorable music of the Christmas Concert will live in our hearts and minds forever. The resounding notes of "Silent Night" drifting over the chapel at Christmas time, the inspiration of "Washington Post" and "Semper Paratus" over the drill field, the popular music of the Saturday morning quartets, the band pumping off the pass in review, our national anthem—these are the memories of the Concert Band that the Class will carry with them after graduation.

The band, however, could not have been a success without the capable and experienced hand of our good director, Mr. Robert Morrison. We are all deeply grateful to him for all he did to make it a success. The officers chosen to lead the band in the school year '55 and '56 were elected with great care and consideration. They were Captain Ralph Becker, first lieutenants, Frank Pearson and Harry Taylor, second lieutenants, William Stone, Bruce Nelson, Mark Miller, and Peter Costello. The drill sergeant was Peter Corridoni; the drum sergeant, Ted Breault. The remaining sergeants were Joe Ronczka, Gene Walendziewicz, Allan Schoffstall, and Stan Wybranski. To these officers goes the credit for a job well done.

SWING BAND



Costello, Pearson, Becker, Breault, Nelson, Miller

The Class of '56 will never cease to marvel at its Swing Band. The "Serenaders" gave one great performance after another until they climbed to the top of the swing band history here. The Swing Band was led by the "King of Music," Pete Costello. Pete was elected to his job in May, 1955 and he led his organization from the bottom to the top on a trail of musical glory. Pete wasn't just satisfied with a regular dance band; he searched and experimented with music and arrangements until he found the right effects.

Pete covered the bass spot in the band with Ted Breault on the drums. Mark Miller, Bruce Nelson, Ralph Becker, and Frank Pearson played the melodic notes of the saxophone section. Not to be overlooked were the valuable managers of the band: Bernard Padmott and Bob Wiggins. The vocalist was Bill Darling.

A special feature of the Swing Band was the quintet of progressive-jazz musicians. It featured Ralph Becker, Mark Miller, Pete Costello, Frank Pearson, and Ted Breault. When intermission appeared at the "Hum" dances, the quintet took the floor to give a jam session that never will be forgotten. The quintet captivated the student body at the Revue with great favorites like the "Saints," their own rendition of Bach's "Fugue," and "Christopher Columbus." The quintet contributed to the reputation and success of the Swing Band. We appreciate all they did to make the "Serenaders" a success.

The "Serenaders" gave so many wonderful performances that we will remember their music years after graduation. Remember the Senior class dances and Officers' Hops? Remember the favorites like "Intermission Riff," "Saint Louis Blues," and "Joshua"? This is the music that will ring in our ears for years to come. It will echo through the ballroom of Founder's Hall long after we have left. Our class is proud of them all. Thanks a million, "Serenaders," and all success and good luck be yours after graduation. We'll not forget you.

W. G. C. PROGRAM



First Row: Pelagatti, Zimring, Darling, Newton, Anton, Smeader, Sheitelman

Second Row: Pearson, Roach, McCabe

Third Row: Schoffstall, Wiggins, Havira, Flanagan, Miller, Bertino, Smyth, Holzinger

Fourth Row: Walendziewicz, Stalford, Batalsky, York, McGhee

To the tune of "Jumpin' Trumpet," the W. G. C. theme song, the student radio program was brought to the High School each week. Broadcasting from the backstage of the high school auditorium from 8:30 to 9:45 A.M. on Monday mornings, W. G. C. gave all the up-to-date sports and campus news. Here the "Hero of the Week" was crowned for his glorious deed performed in the service of his fellow "hummers," and the Student Center offered its specials to its patrons. The news, always the latest, the records the newest, and the jokes the oldest. The weekly broadcast was looked forward to by all.

W. G. C. could not have been the success it was without its hard working staff of writers and announcers. At the head of the writing staff was Tom McCabe, along with Pelagatti, York, Smeader, McGhee, Holzinger, Bertino, Smyth, Zimring, Miller, Newton, Schoffstall, Walendziewicz, Batalsky, Sheitelman, and Malumby. The announcing staff was headed by Bob Roach with Melvin Havira, Darling, Pearson, Flanagan, Taylor, Anton, and Stalford assisting.

The Class of '56 is extremely proud of W. G. C. and its accomplishments. We feel that this was the most successful year the program has had since its organization. Our appreciation goes especially to Mr. Henry V. Andrews, the faculty sponsor, and to the W. G. C. staff for the fine job that they did.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



First Row: Bralczyk, Roach, Walendziewicz, McCabe
 Second Row: Price, Batalsky, Lydic, Sheitelman
 Third Row: Chadwick, Briggs, Pearson
 Fourth Row: McGhee, Anton

The National Honor Society consists of students in the secondary schools of the United States who possess the highest qualities of scholarship, leadership, character, and service. In the Girard Chapter thirteen members of our class qualified to maintain the high standards of this society.

In our Junior year seven of our classmates were recognized by the preceding seniors. The inductions there brought in Tony Bralczyk, Kent Lydic, Tom McCabe, Harry Price, Bob Roach, Lou Sheitelman, and Gene Walendziewicz.

In the following semester, after weeks of considering, six new names were entered. They were Howard Anton, Jerome Batalsky, William Briggs, Richard Chadwick, Don McGhee, and Frank Pearson.

Under the sponsorship of the popular Dr. Wolf officers were elected during both the fall term and the spring term. Bob Roach and Richard Chadwick became acting presidents while Tony Bralczyk held the vice-president's position during both terms. The secretary's job went to Gene Walendziewicz and Frank Pearson.

To the members of the N. H. S. we tip our hats for they will be the leading citizens in their communities as they were here in Girard.

RIFLE CLUB



First Row: Loewer, Dornbach, Becker, Newton,
Mr. Conklin

Second Row: Krachman, Roschak, Wybranski, B. Lewis,
Smyth, Malumphy

The Rifle Club, a new organization in the College, has been in existence about five years. Striving to hit a "Bull" at fifty feet, its members combine a sharp eye with precise co-ordination.

Under the capable sponsorship of Mr. Howard Conklin, the Rifle Club held its practices in the Armory. Although they had only a short time to practice, they won their meet with the Haverford School.

Special thanks go to its sponsor, Mr. Conklin, who has built up a valuable and interesting club here.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



Krachman, Smeader, Smyth, Pearson

The Photography Club works tirelessly toward the betterment of our school publications with their unflinching photos. In addition, the members are kept busy with the great demand and pressure of seniors wanting their films developed.

Howard Krachman is the photographer for the "Corinthian." We wish to express our thanks for his hard work and fine pictures. Bill Smeader is "The News" photographer. He also works very hard to keep pictures ready for "The News." Frank Pearson generally helps Bill and Howie with their work besides doing his own job. John Smyth is also a member of the club under the sponsorship of Mr. Robert Gleason.

Class Officers

Junior Year

Anthony Bralczyk .....	.....<i>President</i>
William Stalford .....	.....<i>Vice-President</i>
Robert Roach .....	.....<i>Secretary</i>
William Boell .....	.....<i>Treasurer</i>

Senior Year

Robert Melvin .....	.....<i>President</i>
William Briggs .....	.....<i>Vice-President</i>
Richard Chadwick .....	.....<i>Secretary</i>
Bernard Pudimott .....	.....<i>Treasurer</i>

National Honor Society

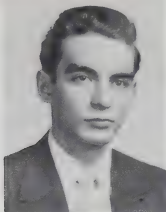
Richard Chadwick and Robert Roach .....	.....<i>Acting Presidents</i>
Anthony Bralczyk .....	.....<i>Vice-President</i>
Eugene T. Walendziewicz and H. Frank Pearson <i>Secretary</i>

Student Government

Anthony Bralczyk <i>President of the Student Body</i>
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SENIORS



ANTHONY LEON BRALCZYK (Tony)

Course: Academic and Stenographic

Activities: American Legion Award, '53; President, Junior High; President, T. S. R. C.; President, Junior Class; Student Council, '53, '54; President, Student Council, '55, '56; Corresponding Secretary, Student Council, '54, '55; President, Student Body, '56; Dramatic Club, '54, '55, '56; Cast: *The Phar-macist's Mate*, *Captain of the Gate*, and *The Ghost of Benjamin Sweet*; National Honor Society, '55, '56; Secretary, Dramatic Club, '55, '56; CORINTHIAN; Intramural Soccer Champs, '55; All-Star Intramural Soccer, '55.

A great student-body leader and a pillar in many extra-curricular activities, Girard will miss Tony. His wonderful personality, his interests in his class, and his friendliness to all made him respected by the faculty and students alike. So long, Tony; the class will never forget you.

Dear Fellow Girardians:

Today marks the conclusion of my duties as President of the Student Body. Leading a student group is not an easy job, as many of you well realize. Through your individual support and confidence, however, many of our difficult problems were solved to the satisfaction of the students.

A new Student Body President has already taken office. The burden of student government does not fall on him alone; it falls on each and every one of you. As students, student government is as much your job as it is his; he alone can not overcome the many difficulties that will arise. He needs the faith and confidence of the boys who elected him to office to enable him to perform his job well. Without such important assistance he can hardly be expected to do the required job.

As undergraduates you will also be faced with the task of upholding Girard's high standards. The thousands of graduates who have gone before you have established a standard of education that is desired by many other high schools in the United States. The excellent reputation of Girard College goes before its graduates; it's up to you to see that Girard keeps that reputation. Girard College is a great school; its students make it great.

Now, at graduation, we are facing the golden door—the door to opportunity. And we know, deep in our hearts, just as you will know, that Girard has given us the material to mold its golden key.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony L. Bralczyk



ROBERT THOMAS MELVIN (Mel)

President

Course: General and Bookkeeping

Activities: Student Council, '53, '54, '55, '56; Chairman, School Committee, '54, '55; Chairman, Social Committee, '55, '56; Dramatic Club, '53, '54, '55, '56; Cast: *Nicholas Nickleby*, *Christmas Carol*, and *O'Halloran's Luck*; President, Dramatic Club, '55, '56; Student Faculty Committee, '54, '55, '56; W. G. C., announcer, '56.

Bob, with his jovial personality and good-natured sense of humor, has been and always will be regarded in high esteem. A capable leader, he has filled his position with utmost efficiency. We sincerely hope that his future will be one of happiness and success. Farewell, Bob! May God bless you always.

Dear Classmates,

For ten years we have lived here together at Girard. During that time we have absorbed a fine education and the best principles of right manhood.

We have completed our preliminary training and we now stand on the threshold of adult life. Perhaps the toughest years of manhood are the ones we now face—the first few. In these years we will make many decisions, decisions which were previously made by teachers or instructors. These decisions soon fall into habits and the habits represent principles. If we are to select sound principles for our later life we must make sound decisions in our younger life.

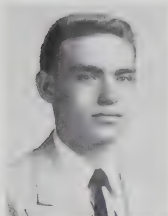
As we go forth into life, we leave behind our teachers, bonsemasters, and friends. But in a sense we can never leave Girard behind with its good name.

No matter where we are or what we are doing, we are a product of this college. It is our obligation to convince everyone with whom we come in contact that the product of Girard is mature in every sense of the word.

Before we depart, let us pause and thank the entire staff of Girard College, thank them for instilling in our minds the purest principles of morality. I would like also to express my sincere thanks to you, the class, for selecting me to serve you in the position of president. God bless and keep you always.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Melvin

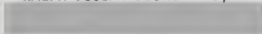
**WILLIAM ALBERT BRIGGS (Bill)***Vice-President**Course: Academic and Carpentry Shop**Activities: Girardian, '55, '56; Editor-in-chief, CORINTHIAN; Recruit Lieutenant, '55; Captain, Co. B., '55, '56; Intramural Soccer Champions, '55; Dramatic Club, '56.**Big in body but his heart was bigger. Broad in mind, his smile was broader. His effort on this booklet and other class services deserve our deepest thanks.***RICHARD ALAN CHADWICK (Chads)***Secretary**Course: Academic and Stenographic**Activities: Editor-in-chief, The Girardian, '55, '56; Girard News, '55, '56; CORINTHIAN; Dramatic Club, '55, '56; Battalion, Echelon, '55; Lieutenant, '55, '56; Intramural Soccer Champs, '55; Gym, '54, '55.**Athlete, scholar, leader, and true friend are all synonymous with the name Rich. He has made an outstanding mark here, and he has a place in the hearts of everyone of us because of his rich personality and fine qualities.***BERNARD CHARLES PUDIMOTT (Puds)***Treasurer**Course: General and Sheet Metal**Activities: Treasurer, Senior Class, '56; Guidon Bearer, Co. A.; Battalion, '54, '55; First Sergeant, Co. A., '55, '56; Manager, Swing Band, '56; Gym, '53, '54, '55.**Earnest and hard-working in the gym and in everything else, he made a great treasurer. His devotion made him our friend. Good luck, Puds!***HOWARD ANTON (Howie)***Course: Academic and Stenographic**Activities: First Prize in Herman C. Horn Essay Contest, '53; Girardian Staff, '52, '53, '54, '55; Girard News, '55, '56; Editor, Girard News, '55, '56; Book-keeper, Student Center, '54, '55; Recruit Lieutenant, Battalion, '55, '56; Recording Secretary, Student Council, '55, '56; Dramatic Club, '52, '53, '54, '55, '56; Cast: Nicholas Nickleby, The Statue, Christmas Carol, Captain of the Gate, and Kings in Nomania; W. G. C., announcer, '56; Editor, CORINTHIAN, '56; National Honor Society, '55, '56.**A tireless, capable worker with a quiet sense of humor, Howie is noted for getting things done in The Girard News, The CORINTHIAN, and in Student Government. Despite his many activities, he was constantly on the Honor Roll.*

JEROME N. BATALSKY (Jerry)

Course: Academic and Stenographic

Activities: Battalion, '52, '53, '54; Commissioned, '55, '56; Dramatic Club, '53, '54, '55, '56; Student Center, '53, '54; Assistant Bookkeeper, '55, '56; Assistant Manager; W. G. C. writing staff, '54, '55, '56; Glee Club, '54, '55, '56; *Girard News*, '54, '55, '56; *Girardian*, '54, '55, '56; Third Prize, Ginger Association, '50; Herman C. Horn Essay Contest, Second Prize, '54; John A. Campbell Third Prize, '55.

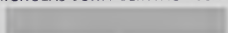
A congenial fellow and always ready to lend a hand, Jerry was much treasured. His good judgment aided us many times.

**RALPH JOSEPH BECKER (Ralph)**

Course: Academic and Stenographic

Activities: Concert Band, '52, '53, '54, '55, '56; Captain, Concert Band, '55, '56; Swing Band, '53, '54, '55, '56; Secretary, Rifle Club, '54, '55; Rifle Club, '54, '55, '56; President, Rifle Club, '56; Intramural Soccer Champs, '55; All-Star Intramural Soccer, '55.

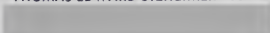
Always ready for a little fun, his sincerity and cheerfulness leave a lasting memory.

**NICHOLAS JOHN BERTINO (Bert)**

Course: General and Print Shop

Activities: Dramatic Club, '55, '56; Cast: *O'Halloran's Luck*; W. G. C., '55, '56; *Girard News*, '55; Glee Club, '55, '56; Battalion, Sergeant, '55, '56.

Bert has always found time for fun all the way. Even when the going was tough, his was a smile. Our class will surely miss his friendly wit and good humor.

**THOMAS EDWARD BILHEIMER (Tom)**

Course: General and Electric Shop

Although timid and shy in social affairs, Tom was enthusiastic and aggressive in other activities.





WILLIAM HENRY BOELL (Reds)

Course: Academic and Pattern Making

Activities: Treasurer, Junior Class, '55; Echelon, '53, '54; Lieutenant Quartermaster, '54, '55; Captain of Recruits, '55, '56; Swimming, '53, '54, '55; Soccer, '53, '54; Senior Life Saving, '54.

"Reds" is small in stature but big in heart. A true friend, his athletic ability was exceeded only by his sense of humor and loyalty.



WILLIAM ARTHUR BOOKER (Bill)

Course: General and Electric Shop

His promptness earned him the nickname of "Speedy." A reserved personality, he was always in perfect harmony with every activity he attempted.

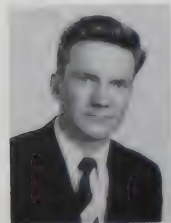


THEODORE EDWARD BREAUT (Ted)

Course: General and Stenographic

Activities: Concert Band, '52 to '56; Swing Band, '55, '56; Drum Sergeant, Concert Band, '55, '56; Girardian, '55, '56; First Prize, Manual Arts Award.

An excellent drummer, Ted gave freely of his time and efforts to both bands. His joviality helped us smooth over many difficulties.



CHARLES LEE BROWN (Chuck)

Course: General and Auto Shop

Activities: Glee Club, Treasurer, '55, '56; Lieutenant, Battalion, '55, '56.

"Chuck" was in good voice in the Glee Club and full of tricks when wrestling. His careful attitude and calmness will be a benefit to him in the world outside.

VIRGIL ALFRED BROWN (Virg)

Course: General and Auto Shop

Activities: Sergeant, Battalion, '53, '54; Lieutenant, Battalion, '55, '56; Junior Life Saving, '54; Senior Life Saving, '55; Echelon, '54, '55; Cheer Leader, '55, '56.

A happy-go-lucky but a devoted friend. Trusting everyone, he earned our highest esteem. Good luck, "Virg"!

**RALPH GEORGE BRUNO, Jr. (Ralph)**

Course: General and Machine Shop

Activities: Sergeant, Battalion, Co. A., '54, '55; Echelon, '55; Second Prize, Joseph G. Simcock Award.

When congenial Ralph Bruno leaves, classmates and his numerous "flames" will miss him. Whenever a helping hand was needed, Ralph supplied it gladly.

**LAWRENCE DOMENIC CAROLA (Larry)**

Course: General and Print Shop

Activities: Band, '51, '52; Echelon, '55; Jesse B. Manbeck Prize for Printing; Girard News, '55, '56; Sergeant, Battalion, Co. C., '54, '55; Lieutenant, Battalion, Co. C., '55, '56; Junior Life Saving; Senior Life Saving; Girardian, '55, '56; Printing Advisor, Girardian, '55, '56.

Larry is the smallest in stature in the class, but not small otherwise. Here is personality plus, friendship everywhere, and willingness to work hard. With these great gifts, he can't help making good in life.

**CARL WILLIAM CORBIN (Bill)**

Course: General and Auto Shop

Activities: Battalion, '54 to '56; Sergeant in Color Guard, Flag Bearer, '54, '55; Captain, Co. C., '55, '56; Junior Life Saving; Senior Life Saving; Swimming, '54, '55.

With good looks and carefree nature, Bill will always be a remembered classmate and friend. Great luck to a swell guy.





PETER LAWRENCE CORRIDONI (Pete)

Course: General and Electric Shop

Activities: Concert Band, '53 to '56; Glee Club, '54 to '56; Sergeant Drum Major, Concert Band, '55, '56; *Girard News*, '55, '56; *Girardian*, '56.

In the band, on the campus, and in school, Pete proved himself to be a hard worker.



PETER FRANCIS COSTELLO (Costie)

Course: General and Bookkeeping

Activities: Concert Band, '52 to '56; Lieutenant, Concert Band, '55, '56; Swing Band, '54, '55, '56; Leader, Swing Band, '55, '56; Photography Club, '54, '55, '56; Contributor to *Girardian*, '55.

Pete's musical ability and sincerity made him one of the most respected and best liked. His merry mood and willingness to help out will enable him to go far after graduation.



WILLIAM GORDON CRANE (Bill)

Course: General and Electric Shop

Activities: Battalion, Co. C., Sergeant, '54, '55, '56; Band, '51 to '54; Senior Life Saving.

Bill is a quiet hummer with an interest in automobiles. His quietness, many times, is overcome, but one can hear him cheering wholeheartedly for his swimming-team mates. He will be remembered by the class.



JAMES EDWARD CRAUN (Reb)

Course: General and Sheet Metal

Activities: Senior Life Saving; Sergeant, Battalion, '54, '55; Lieutenant, Battalion, '55, '56; Student Council, '55, '56; Echelon, '54, '55; Wrestling, '55; Dramatic Club, Cast: *Where 'er We Go*, '56.

Eddie, with his carefree ways and southern personality, has made life a happy one for himself and his innumerable friends. We can never forget such an amiable fellow, and we hope that he will lead a happy life.

WILLIAM TOWNER DARLING (Bill)

Course: General and Sheet Metal

Activities: Dramatic Club, '53, '55, '56; Cast: *Nicholas Nickleby*, *The Statue*, *The Christmas Carol*, and *Captain of the Gate*; W. G. C. announcer, '55, '56; *Girard News*, '54, '55, '56; Glee Club, '54, '55, '56; Sergeant, Battalion, '52 to '56; *Girardian*, '55, '56; Echelon, '55; Junior Life Saving.

Bill was the "perennial joker." No difficult situation could keep his sense of humor down. Bill will certainly be missed.

**ANTHONY JOSEPH DIORIO (Tony)**

Course: General and Print Shop

Activities: Dramatic Club, '54, '55, '56; Cast: *The Statue* and *O'Halloran's Luck*; *Girard News*, '55, '56; Editor-in-chief, *CORINTHIAN*; Sergeant, Battalion, '53-'56; Guidon, Co. A., '55, '56.

An important figure in the printing and publications department, Tony's time and effort were always needed and given generously. At home on any dance floor, Tony was the "ladies' man" from every angle. So long, "Mr. Personality."

**GEORGE SEBASTIAN DORNBACH (George)**

Course: Academic and Machine Shop

Activities: Glee Club, '55, '56; Rifle Club, '55, '56; Concert Band, '53, '54; Sergeant, Battalion, '55, '56.

Bidding for first in the race of smallest class members, George was neither small in friendliness nor in activity. A typical "bummer" all the way, George will remain in our hearts forever.

**THOMAS HOMER ECKARD (Tom)**

Course: General and Drafting

Activities: Rifle Club, '55, '56; Sergeant, Battalion, '55, '56; Echelon, '55.

Tom has proven his worth both as a marksman on the firing range and as a Thespian on the stage. Best of luck always. Keep aiming for the best that life holds.





JAMES VINCENT ERARIO (Jim)

Course: General and Drafting

Activities: Battalion, '51 to '56; Lieutenant, '55, '56; Firing Squad, '55; Dramatic Club, '55, '56; Cast: *O'Halloran's Luck*; Gym, '55; First Prize, Poster Contest, '56.

Always the object of a lot of teasing, Jim has taken it good-naturedly. Unselfish, friendly, and of extremely high character, he will go far.



ANDREW JOSEPH ERMILIO (Andy)

Course: General and Carpentry

Activities: Student Center, '55, '56; Battalion, Co. B.

Andy is the jovial, easy-going type of friend who can always brighten any situation. For his amiability Andy will always stand out among our happiest memories.



JOSEPH CLIFFORD FLANAGAN (Joe)

Course: General and Pattern Shop

Activities: Glee Club, '55, '56; W. G. C. announcer, '55, '56; *The Girardian*, '55, '56; Lieutenant, Recruits, '53, '54; Echelon, '54; Lieutenant, Co. C., '54, '55; Captain Inspector, '55, '56; Student Council, '54, '55; Chairman, House Committee, '55; Baseball, '55; Intramural Basketball, '56.

Joe will always be remembered for his leadership in both sports and school activities. His sincerity on the baseball diamond and jovial sense of humor make him one who will not be forgotten.



EDWARD JOSEPH FRITZ (Ed)

Course: Academic and Drafting

Activities: Lieutenant, Battalion, '55, '56; Color Guard, '55, '56; *Girard News*, '55, '56; Track, '54.

Ed's carefree personality and happy-go-lucky spirit labled him "tops" with us. Always ready for a good time, he will be long remembered.

ROBERT DAVID HARBISON (Herb)

Course: General and Machine Shop

Activities: Corporal, Battalion, '55; Echelon, '55; Second Place, Individual Competitive Drill; Sergeant Quartermaster, Color Guard, '56; Glee Club, '55, '56; Gym, '54, '55; Soccer, '54; All-Independent Team, '55.

Herb's various athletic achievements, plus his fine spirit, have made him an able co-captain of the soccer team. With his friendly personality, he has made good with the fair ones.

**CARL RAYMOND HAVIRA (Huv)**

Course: Academic and Pattern Shop

Activities: Lieutenant, Co. B., '55, '56; Echelon, '54, '55; *Girard News*, Sports Editor, '56; *Girardian*, '55, '56; Glee Club, '55, '56; Dramatic Club, '53, '54, '55, '56; Cast: *Nicholas Nickleby* and *The Ghost of Benjamin Sweet*; W. G. C. announcer, '55, '56; Senior Life Saving, '54; 150 yd. individual medley record, '55; 150 yd. medley relay record, '55; Swimming, '53, '54, '55.

The class record-breaker in the pool. Sincere and generous, Carl gave of his time and efforts to the betterment of the class. We wish him the best of everything.

**DONALD HEMPEL (Don)**

Course: General and Electrical Shop

Activities: Rifle Club, '55, '56.

Don is the quiet worker and wide reader. His interests in radio and electronics will help a lot in future years.

**GARY IVOR HODGSON (Hodge)**

Course: General and Bookkeeping

Activities: Sergeant, Co. C., '53, '54; Sergeant, Color Guard, '54, '55; Lieutenant, Co. A., '55, '56; Echelon, '52, '53; Basketball, '55; Baseball, '55; Intramural Basketball, '56.

With a bright smile and funny remark, Gary could always be found where there was fun. A well-rounded personality and a true friend.



**ROBERT HOLZINGER (Hose)**

Course: Academic and Stenographic

Activities: Battalion, '53 to '55; W. G. C., '56; *Girard News*, '55, '56. Although *Girard's* answer to George Mikan sometimes came in for some occasional "razberries," he has earned everybody's respect by taking them with a grin. The Coach will find it hard to fill "Hose's" shoes on next year's basketball team.

**RICHARD HOUGHTON (Rich)**

Course: General and Pattern Making

Activities: Battalion, Corporal, '54; Battalion, Sergeant, '55; Echelon, '54, '55; First Place, Individual Competitive Drill, '55; Sergeant Major, Color Guard, '56; Gym, '54; Senior Life Saving, '55.

An Adonis of the class, Rich proved to be an asset in any athletic competition he entered. Along with this athletic ability he has a well-rounded personality and a great sense of humor. Good luck to a swell fellow!

**HARRY JOHNSON (Johnny)**

Course: General and Sheet Metal

Activities: Sergeant, Co. D., '55, '56; Intramural All-Star Basketball Team, '54, '55; Soccer, '54; All-Independent Team, '55; All-Scholastic, Second Team, '55; Baseball, '55.

Here is another of Girard's energetic athletes who is a bag of tricks on the soccer field and an almost flawless baseball player. He will be remembered as one of Girard's best ball players.

**ROBERT WAYNE JONES (Jonesy)**

Course: General and Machine Shop

Activities: Sergeant, Battalion, Co. C., '55; Recruit Lieutenant, '55, '56; *Girardian*, '55, '56.

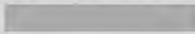
There are many New Englanders in the College, almost all of them on the Faculty. One exception is reliable, tenacious Bob Jones. Bob is a good example of Yankee dependability.

DONALD JAMES KOLTISKA (Kuz)

Course: General and Print Shop

Activities: Echelon, '55; Sergeant, Co. A., '55, '56; Baseball, '55.

Tell "Kuz" a stale joke and you'll think you're the best comedian in the world. This quality is one that has gained "Kuz" many friends and one that will continue to help him in life.

**HOWARD ELLIS KRACHMAN (Howie)**

Course: Academic and Machine Shop

Activities: Rifle Club, '54, '55, '56; Senior Life Saving, '54; Photography Club, '54, '55, '56; Swimming, '53, '54, '55.

Howie's photography ability and willingness to dig were a great asset to the class. A great help in the success of this book, Howie's efforts will not be forgotten.

**JERRY LIVINGSTONE LAWSON (Jerry)**

Course: General and Pattern Shop

Activities: Ethel and Harry Daroff Memorial Prize, '55; Sergeant, Battalion, Guidon, Co. C., '55, '56; Echelon, '55; Soccer, '54; Basketball, '55.

Gard will look hard to find a better basketball player than Jerry and twice as hard for one who trusts everyone as he does. His constant sincerity isn't limited to the court alone; it covers all his undertakings.

**BARRY EDWARD LEWIS (Barry)**

Course: Academic and Carpentry

Activities: Dramatic Club, '55, '56; Cast: O'Halloran's Luck, Girard News, '55, '56; Glee Club, '55, '56; Rifle Club, '54, '55, '56; Junior Life Saving, '54.

Anger is rare here. Just a happy-go-lucky pal—that's Barry.



*To set the cause above renown,
To love the game beyond the prize.
To honor while you strike him down,
The foe that comes with fearless eyes*

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*To count the life of battle good
And dear the land that gave you birth.
And dearer yet the brotherhood
That binds the brave of all the earth.*

—Sir Sidney Newbolt



DONALD FREDERICK LEWIS (Don)

Course: Academic and Sheet Metal

Activities: Rifle Club, '55, '56; W. G. C., '56; *Girardian*, '56; Sergeant, Battalion; Echelon, '55.

Don's undying perseverance finished many hard tasks, and he was always ready to face another. He's a certain success.



RICHARD WILLIAM LINTHICUM (Lin)

Course: General and Pattern Shop

Activities: Corporal, Co. B., Battalion, '55; Glee Club, '54, '55, '56; Vice-President, Glee Club, '55, '56; Battalion, Echelon, '55, '56.

Rich has been one of the "brighter flowers" of the musical world with his fine bass voice and success in the choir. The ease with which he makes friends will carry him through a full and happy life.



ROBERT GLENN LONG (Bob)

Course: General and Bookkeeping

Activities: Echelon, '53, '54, '55, '56; Single Competitive Drill, '56; Junior Life Saving, '51; Senior Life Saving, '56; Sergeant, '54, '55, '56; All-Intramural Champs, '55; Intramural Soccer, and Intramural Baseball, '54, '55, '56; Rifle Club, '56; Swimming, '55.

Smiling and being willing to have fun made Bob a true friend to all.



RICHARD KENT LYDIC (Kent)

Course: General and Bookkeeping

Activities: *Girard News*, '54, '55; Co-Sports Editor, '55, '56; Edward Henry Good Sportsmanship Award, '53; Echelon, '54, '55; First Sergeant, Co. B., '55, '56; National Honor Society, '55; Student Council, '53, '54, '55, '56; Corresponding Secretary, Student Council, '56; Athletic Committee, '56; Commissioner of Intramural Soccer; *CORINTHIAN*, '56; Track, '53, '54, '55, Basketball, '55.

His genuine concern for the class endeared him everywhere. And Kent never let it get the best of him.

MITCHELL LYONS (Mitch)



Course: General and Sheet Metal

Activities: Sergeant, Battalion, Co. C., '54; Recruit Lieutenant, '55, '56; Firing Squad, '56; Junior Life Saving, '54; Echelon, '54, '55.

Mitch possesses a sense of humor not found in many people, for he can take a joke as well as make one. If he uses the determination he has shown in gym, Mitch will go far.



EDWARD DREIFUSS MALUMPHY (Ed)



Course: General and Drafting

Activities: Sergeant, Co. B., '54; Non-Commissioned Lieutenant, Co. B., '55; Echelon, '55; Recruit Lieutenant, '56; Rifle Club, '55, '56; Intramural All-Star Basketball, '55; W. G. C., '56.

Unselfishness, good judgment, athletic prowess, and character gave us this fellow we are so proud to call "classmate and friend."



THOMAS McCABE (Mac)



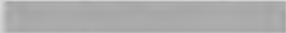
Course: Academic and Electric Shop

Activities: Chief Writer, W. G. C., '56; Dramatic Club; National Honor Society, '56; Echelon, '56.

His superior ability made any problem easy. With everything else came his profound integrity.



DONALD BRUCE McGHEE (Don)



Course: Academic and Print Shop

Activities: First and Second, Girard Ginger Association Scout Prizes; *Girard News*, '55, '56; Dramatic Club, '55, '56; W. G. C., '56; Lieutenant, Battalion, Co. A., '54, '55; Captain, Battalion, Co. A., '55, '56; All-Intramural Soccer, '55; All-Intramural Champs, '54; Rifle Club, '54, '55; National Honor Society; Gym, '54, '55.

Don is a rare combination of dreamer and "dynamo." No issue of The Girardian was complete without one of his fine poems. But Don was more often seen aggressively captaining Company A or bringing glory to the gym team.





MARK WAYNE MILLER (Mark)

Course: Academic and Stenographic

Activities: Concert Band, '52-'56; Swing Band, '55, '56; Glee Club, '55, '56; *Girard News*, '54-'56; Illustrating Editor, '55, '56; *Girardian*, '54-'56; Art Editor, '55, '56; Dramatic Club, '54-'56; 2nd Lieutenant, Concert Band, '55, '56; W. G. C., '55; Entertainment Committee, '54-'56; Chairman, '55, '56.

Mark has two great assets: sense of humor and artistic ability. Coupled with his sincerity and friendliness, he will go far.



JOSEPH JULIUS MIRON (Joe)

Course: General and Clerical

Activities: Sergeant, Battalion, '56; Senior Life Saving, '55; Student Center, '56; Wrestling, '55.

Joe's happy-go-lucky mood and helpful attitude made a big hit with the class. His wrestling ability and hard work in extra activities will always be remembered.



JOSEPH ROBERT MORGAN (Moe)

Course: General and Clerical

Activities: Echelon, '55; Glee Club, '55, '56; First Sergeant, Co. C., '55, '56; *Girard News*, '54-'56; Wrestling, '53, '54-'55; Track, '55; Second Prize, Poster Contest.

Joe has the distinguished honor of being Girard's first wrestling champion in the school's history. Once off the mat he's a ball of humor constantly bubbling over with energy.



WILLIAM LOUIS MOROZ (Bill)

Course: General and Automotive

Activities: Gym, '54, '55.

If Bill will build his career and life in the same perfection he has attained in model planes and ships, he will be very successful. We will miss Bill with his cheerful smile and wit.

JUNIUS BRUCE NELSON (Bruce)

Course: General and Auto Shop

Activities: Swing Band, '55, '56; Glee Club, '55, '56; Concert Band; Dramatic Club; Cast: *Our Town*; Swimming '53, '55.

Bruce's musical ability and willingness to have fun labeled him as a true friend. He will be remembered by the Class of '56.

**ROBERT MARKS NEWLIN (Bob)**

Course: General and Carpentry Shop

Activities: Battalion, '54-'56; Sergeant, '55; Color Guard, '56; Echelon, '54; Glee Club, '55, '56; President, Glee Club, '56; Stage Manager, Dramatic Club, '55, '56; Student Center, '56; Track, '55.

Bob can often be seen practicing with the gym team, exercising his vocal chords in the Glee Club, or running his legs off at track work-out. This tall, good-looking classmate has a wonderful personality with his cheerful smile and happy attitude. All of us wish him success in the years to come.

**JON VALIANT NEWTON (Jon)**

Course: Academic and Carpentry Shop

Activities: Battalion, Sergeant, Co. D., '54, '55; Lieutenant, Recruits, '55, '56; Echelon, '55; *Girard News*, '54-'56; *Corinthian*, '56; Winner, Charles W. Lawser Prize, '55; Winner, Daniel Fink Essay Award, '55; Rifle Club, '54-'56; *Girardian*, '55, '56; Firing Squad, '56.

An exceptionally clever writer, Jon gave us many chuckles with his dissertations on "Hum Life." His sense of humor smoothed over every difficult situation.

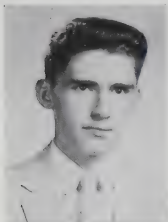
**THOMAS JOSEPH PANFILI (Tom)**

Course: General and Drafting

Activities: Echelon, '56; Battalion, '54, '55, '56; Intramural Basketball, '56.

We will remember Tom for his friendly smile and manner. Behind his quiet facade, there's an interesting mind that can brief you on the latest cars and on what the sharp drivers are wearing.





HERMAN FRANK PEARSON (Frank)

Course: Academic and Stenographic

Activities: Concert Band, '52-'56; *Girard News*, '55; Editor, *Girard News*, '56; Dramatic Club, '54-'56; Cast: *Pharmacist's Mate*; Photography Club, '56; *Girardian*, '56; First Lieutenant, Concert Band, '56; Intramural Soccer Champs, '54, '55; W. G. C., '55, '56; CORINTHIAN, Photographer; Secretary, N. H. S.

A great success in everything he undertook, Frank was a respected and well liked classmate. He was a friend too.



GIUSTINO PELAGATTI (Gus)

Course: General and Carpentry

Activities: Intramural Soccer All-Stars, '53; Echelon, '54; Battalion, Recruit Lieutenant, '54; First Lieutenant, Co. D., '55; Captain, Co. D., '55, '56; Junior Life Saving; Dramatic Club; Cast: *O'Halloran's Luck*; W. G. C., Soccer Writer, '55; *Girard News*, Assistant Sports Editor, '55, '56; Glee Club, '54-'56; Swimming, '55.

With his musical talents, athletic achievements, and quality of leadership, Gus has made his life at Girard most successful. We extend wishes for the best that life can hold for a swell fellow.



HARRY EWART PRICE (Harry)

Course: Academic and Stenographic

Activities: Battalion, '52-'55; Student Center, '53-'56; Student Center Manager, '55, '56; Student Council, '55, '56; *Girard News*, '55, '56; Dramatic Club, '53-'56; National Honor Society, '55, '56.

Our memories of Harry will always reveal the great job he did in the store. His character sparkles with undeniable honesty and whole-hearted cooperation.



MARTIN PUSTILNICK (Pusty)

Course: General and Print Shop

Activities: Sergeant, Battalion, '53-'56; Guidon, Co. C., '55, '56; Echelon, '53-'55; Intramural Basketball All-Star Team, '54; Intramural Soccer All-Star Team, '53; Advertising Manager of the Student Center, '55, '56.

His all-round knowledge, superb ability in sports, and "one-and-only" character here made "Cat" a friend of all. We shall never forget him or his unique statements.

GEORGE BENJAMIN RICHNER (Ben)

Course: General and Clerical

Activities: Student Center, '51-'53; Band, '51-'53; Recruit Lieutenant, '54-'56; Fencing, '55.

One of Coach Rothberg's fencers, Ben turned in a fine performance. On the dance floor he was smooth and popular with both sexes.

**ROBERT ALTON ROACH (Bob)**

Course: Academic and Stenography

Activities: Dramatic Club, '55, '56; Cast: *Pharmacist's Mate*, and *O'Halloran's Luck*; Vice-President, Dramatic Club; Glee Club, '55, '56; *Girard News*, '55, '56; Echelon, '55; National Honor Society, '55, '56; President, '56; Student Council, '54-'56; Vice-President, Student Body, '56; Secretary, Student Council, '54, '55; W. G. C., Director of Announcers; Swimming, '53, '54, '55.

Bob is the epitome of friendliness. Perpetually gay, humorous, and athletic, he was also famous for his scholastic achievements.

**RICHARD BRAMWELL ROBERTS (Colonel)**

Course: General and Auto Shop

Activities: Concert Band, '51-'54; Battalion, Co. D., Sergeant, '56.

"Colonel" is a persistent fellow with many fine, humorous traits.

**JOSEPH PETER RONCZKA (Joe)**

Course: General and Machine Shop

Activities: Sergeant, Band, '55, '56; *Girard News*, '55, '56; *Girardian*, '55, '56; Rifle Club, '54, '55.

Joe's sincerity and interest in "Hum" life made him popular and respected. Lots of luck to a swell classmate.





ALAN MILTON SCHOFFSTALL (Al)

Course: Academic and Clerical

Activities: Concert Band, '52-'56; Concert Band Award, '55; Dramatic Club, '53-'56; Cast: *Nicholas Nickleby*, and *The Statue*; Glee Club, '55, '56; German Club, '53; Student Center, '55, '56; W. G. C., writer, '56.

Not often in the limelight, Al was engaged in many Girard activities. The Concert Band, Student Center, and Girardian benefited from his efforts. Industrious and intelligent, he's a sure success.



ABRAHAM LOUIS SHEITELMAN (Lou)

Course: Academic and Stenography

Activities: *Girard News*, '54-'56; *Girard News*, Editor, '55, '56; CORINTHIAN, '56; Echelon, '55; W. G. C., '55, '56; German Club, '52-'54; Dramatic Club; Cast: *Nicholas Nickleby*, *O'Halloran's Luck*, and *Kings in Nomania*.

Quiet, reserved, and friendly, Abe's sincerity and good judgment made the man. There will never be another like him.



RAYMOND JOHN SHELESKY (Shaz)

Course: Academic and Pattern Shop

Activities: Sergeant, Drill Team, '54; Life Saving, '54; Recruit Lieutenant, '55; Lieutenant Quartermaster of Staff, '56; Baseball, '55.

The quiet, scholastic athlete who attacks all problems good naturedly. "Shaz" is the picture of modesty every place he goes and in everything he does.



ROY STEWART SHIELS (Roy)

Course: General and Pattern Shop

Activities: Rifle Club, '54-'56; German Club, '53, '54; *Girard News*, '54-'56; Research Editor, *Girard News*, '56; *The Girardian*, '56; Battalion, Sergeant, Co. D., '56.

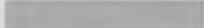
A quiet sense of humor and a friendly manner were Roy's most distinguishing hallmarks. Our class will miss him.

NICHOLAS JOSEPH SILVANO (Nick)

Course: General and Sheet Metal Shop

Activities: Battalion, Sergeant, Co. D., '53, '54; Lieutenant, Co. C., '55, '56; Echelon, '54, '55; Junior Life Saving, '54; Senior Life Saving, '55; Glee Club, '55, '56; *Girard News*, '55, '56.

Nick's soccer ability and friendliness made him a classmate never-to-be-forgotten. Easy going and always smiling, he will be missed.

**WILLIAM GEORGE SMEADER (Bill)**

Course: Academic and Electric Shop

Activities: Dramatic Club, '55; Cast: *O'Halloran's Luck*; Senior Life Saving, '55; Photography Club, '54, '55; Treasurer, '55, '56; *Girard News*, '55; Photographer, '56; W. G. C. writer, '55, '56; Sergeant, Battalion, '55; Recruit Lieutenant, '56; Student Center, '55; Echelon, '55; Wrestling, '55.

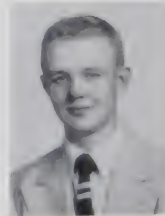
Never a thoughtless word to anyone. Bill's skill on the mat and his pleasing and helpful personality leave an empty spot in our hearts.

**JOHN WOODROW HARRIS SMITH (John)**

Course: Academic and Clerical

Activities: Glee Club, '55; Secretary, Glee Club, '56; Echelon, '53, '54, '55; Recruit Lieutenant; Student Council, '52, '53; *Girard News*, '56.

John is the personality of the class. When he's around, he's the center of every conversation or activity. The person isn't born who can't smile at his antics.

**JOHN SMYTH (Jack)**

Course: Academic and Printing

Activities: Rifle Club, '55, '56; Photography Club, '55, '56; *Girard News*, '55, Exchanges, '56; John E. Rogers Prize, '55; Echelon, '56; Printing Advisor, CORINTHIAN, '56; Intramural Soccer Champions, '54, '55; Writer, W.G.C., '56.

The quiet smile that carried Jack dutifully through his activities sparked friendliness at Girard. It will be this unchangeable mood of gaiety and simple integrity that will linger in our hearts forever.





JOHN PAUL SNYDER (John)

Course: General and Carpentry

Activities: Dramatic Club, Cast: O'Halloran's Luck, '55; Treasurer, '54.

John's sense of humor, serious ways, good working habits, and personality will be his assets.



WILLIAM JOSEPH STALFORD (Bill)

Course: General and Pattern Making

Activities: Glee Club, '55, '56; W. G. C., '55, '56; Battalion, Echelon, '52, '53; Sergeant Quartermaster, Color Guard, '53, '54; Captain-Adjutant, '54, '55; Cadet Major, '55, '56; Vice-President, Junior Class, '54, '55; Second Prize, Manual Arts Award; Student Council, '55, '56; Reporter, *Girard News*, Second Prize, Single Competitive Drill, '52; Soccer, '54; Baseball, '55; Gym, '54, '55.

Bill was devotion itself to school and classmate; a leader on the athletic field and in the battalion.



GEORGE ARTHUR STEINHOFF (George)

Course: Academic and Drafting

Activities: Battalion, Echelon, '54, '55; Sergeant, '55; First Lieutenant, '55, '56; Ethel and Harry Daroff Memorial Prize; Penn Relays; Gym '54, '55; Track, '55; Senior Life Saving, '54.

George's athletic ability and friendliness made his ideal personality. His becoming smile and yet serious manner made traits we would be proud to possess.



WILLIAM HOWARD STONE (Bill)

Course: Academic and Sheet Metal

Activities: Concert Band, '53-'56; Second Lieutenant, Band, '55.

Quiet, friendly, honest describe "Rocky." He bothered no one but helped many.

HARRY JOSEPH TAYLOR (Har)

Course: Academic and Sheet Metal

Activities: Concert Band, '52-'56; First Lieutenant, Concert Band, '55, '56; Glee Club, '55, '56; Swing Band, '53-'56; Announcer, W. G. C., '55, '56; *Girard News*, '55, '56; First Place, Yale Trophy, Sabre, '55, '56; Intramural Basketball All-Stars, '53; Fencing, '53, '54, '55.

Besides being the "debonair" Casanova who could give an extemporaneous speech on "How to Get a Girl and Keep Her," Harry helped bring the Yale Trophy to Girard by capturing first place in the sabre competition. His trombone was an asset too.

**JOHN WILLIAM TEVIN (Bill)**

Course: General and Carpentry Shop

Activities: Junior and Senior Life Saving, '54, '55; Echelon, '53, '54, '55; Guidon, Co. B., '55; Dramatic Club, '55; Cheerleader, '55; Sergeant, Battalion, '54, '55.

Here is "personality plus" in a garnet cheerleading sweater. Always ready with the things we didn't know, he will be remembered for these and other talents.

**EUGENE THOMAS WALENDZIEWICZ (Gene)**

Course: Academic and Stenographic

Activities: Concert Band, '52-'56; Glee Club, '54-'56; *Girard News*, Reporter, '54-'56; *News Editor*, '55, '56; Dramatic Club, '53, '54, '55; Cast: *Nicholas Nickleby*, *Pharmacist's Mate*, and *Captain of the Gate*; Sergeant, Band, '55, '56; National Honor Society, '55, '56; Secretary, N. H. S., '55, '56; Secretary, S-1, '55; Joseph A. Campbell Award; Student Center, '55, '56.

Scholarly, hard-working Gene has been in many activities and has done very well in all of them. It will not surprise us if some day his address will be Institute of Advanced Study, Princeton, N. J.

**CHARLES GREGORY WALKER (Chal)**

Course: General and Clerical

Activities: Battalion, Echelon, '54, '55; Sergeant, '54-'56; Dramatic Club, '53-'56; Glee Club, '55, '56; Student Council, '53; Track, '54.

Charlie was a success in everything he attempted. Well liked and friendly to all; that's Charlie.





WILLIAM LOYD WEHRUNG (Bill)

Course: General and Drafting

Activities: Intramural Basketball, '56.

Although restricted for several years, Bill has attained an amazingly natural ability in all sports. His warm and radiant personality has contributed to a friendship here that will never die.



ROBERT SAMUEL WIGGINS (Bob)

Course: General and Electrical Shop

Activities: Glee Club, '53-'56; Dramatic Club, '54-'56; W. G. C., '54-'55, '56; Girard News, '55, '56; Swing Band, '55, '56.

Cheerful, unselfish, always smiling. He never let a tough situation get the best of him. The best of everything should be his henceforth.



EDWARD JOHN WITKOWSKI (Wit)

Course: General and Cabinet Making

Activities: Echelon, '54, '55, '56; Sergeant, Co. A., '55, '56; All-Intramural Soccer, '55; Commissioner, Intramural Softball, '56; Basketball, '55.

A synonym for "Wit" is neatness. On and off the basketball court he has everything in order. His thoughtfulness also is a quality that will carry him well though life.

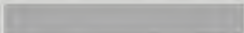


FREDERICK WILLIAM WOOD (Woody)

Course: Academic and Clerical

Activities: Recruit Lieutenant, '55, '56; Echelon, '54, '55; Girard News, '54-'56; Baseball, '55; All-Independent Team, '55; All-Scholastic, First Team, '55.

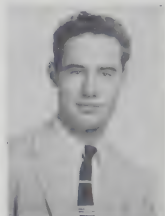
"Woody's" friendship toward all of us and his scholastic honors are exceeded only by his fine athletic contributions to Girard. He truly is a good example of Stephen Girard's greatest expectations.

JON TIMOTHY WORRELL (Tim)

Course: General and Pattern Shop

Activities: Battalion, Echelon, '52, '53, '54, '55; Corporal, Co. D., '53, '54; Sergeant, '54, '55; First Lieutenant, Co. B., '55, '56; Glee Club '54-'56; Secretary of Class, S-2; All-Independent Team, '55; All-Scholastic, Second Team, '55; Basketball, '54; Baseball, '55.

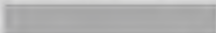
Always willing to take a joke and have fun, Tim was a great friend and classmate. His terrific soccer ability and good looks will carry him far.

**STANLEY ANTHONY WYBRANSKI (Stan)**

Course: Academic and Drafting

Activities: Concert Band, '52-'56; Sergeant, Concert Band, '55, '56; *Girard News*, '54, '55, '56; Student Center, '55, '56; Rifle Club, '54-'56; *Girardian*, '55, '56; President, Conservation Club, '56; Corinthian, '56.

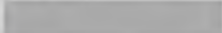
Stan was responsible for a lot of the fun we had. Sincere in everything he was never too busy to listen.

**MICHAEL EXAREZ YORK (Mike)**

Course: General and Machine Shop

Activities: Battalion, Clerk, '54-'56; Student Center, '54-'56; Senior Life Saving, '54; Water Safety Aid, '55; Writer, W. G. C., '55, '56; Swimming, '54, '55.

We will remember Mike for his cooperation and his dry sense of humor, which were not affected by being one of Coach Jones' best divers.

**FRED RICHARD ZIMRING (Fred)**

Course: General and Clerical

Activities: W. G. C., '55, '56; *Girard News*, Business Manager, '56; *Girard News*, '54, '55, Lieutenant, Recruits, '55.

Fred is our authority on almost all sports because of his active participation in them and keen knowledge of them. He is one who has suffered because we don't have football, but we'll be looking for him on a college roster in a few years.



Fakulty Kwotes . . .

Tap, tap, tap, credit.

I mean what? It's automatic.

Why don't you take a walk down the hall, get a drink, and change your attitude?

What's troubling you, mister?

Iz zat impor'ant?

Take the part of Cascar.

Take the part of Portiar.

Now the Colmstock lode

There I go again getting my hands dirty.

Please boys, let's co-operate?

Look in your *Woolley*.

Intake, compression, power, exhaust.

My Machines!

Fellows, some one is chewing gum.

Say, fellows, I mean I don't have the authority.

Can't talk to me like that; I'm a housemaster.

Don gimmie dat stuff.

Hey! Hey! Hey!

Those who wish to continue their education on a collegiate level feel free to make yourself known
at any time.

It will manifest itself as a given amount of guff!

Apples! Apples! Apples!

You're slipping mitder.

Get me a vanilla *Mister Big* and a box of *Helps*.

I have a letter from a Girard boy's mother.

Phht, hold it, gaw ahead.

Why do they call him Zimbo?

A riding Academy, a beach, and an amusement park.

Bankah Hall, clap, clap, Lafayette.

We are not maids. We are waitresses.

No scheemies!

Battery to button, button to bell, bell back to the other side of the battery!

The bundles are falling! Mr. McCloud; the bundles are falling!

O.K. girls, let's play house.

Whoa! Heart!

OOOO Ah don't know theah, professah.

Explode the preposition and put a box around its object.

Miller's the name.

I'll buy that.

Hic that ball hard.

Gimme a chocolate-covered stick and a candy bar with nuts.

Tomorrow will be too late.

Ah know, see.

Take five.

I don't give a rap!

How do you get that way?

This is a Democracy, mister.

I'll go on with *Macbeth*, but you have to take notes.

I'll chase it see.

Fellas! Fellas!

Anyone who talks during this examination may miss his Thanksgiving vacation.

We Bequeath . . .

Mr. Dennis	a relative in perfect health.
Dr. Zeil	a rap.
Mr. Zdanowicz	twins.
Dr. Wolf	a seat in the U. N.
Dr. Haskell	a "Tom Brown at Girard."
Dr. White	stock in the Plaza Hotel.
Mr. Sungenis	a vaca-shon.
Dr. Presson	escalators.
Mr. Wagner	a pack of Rameses cigarettes.
Mr. Schoell	a year's supply of life savers.
Mr. Holman	a complete book of answers.
Mr. Andrews	automatic hand raisers.
Mr. Miller	ammunition.
Mr. Shirley	a second mistake.
Mr. March	a closet opening from the inside.
Mr. Heck	buttons and bells.
Mr. Shuster	a gold mine.
Mr. Focht	a dictionary of exclamatory remarks.
Mr. Morrow	elbow grease for his hand engine.
Mr. Daffin	a helper.
Mr. Rotan	safety devices.
Mr. Conklin	a ten-point buck.
Mr. Pereira	someone who didn't get "that way."
Miss McGhee	a tea party at the White House.
Dr. Dulebohn	a St. Bernard.
Mr. Wilson	seven ram's horns.
Mr. Morrison	a musical contract with the Wilson Line.
Colonel Hamilton	a new megaphone.
Mr. Wolstenholme	the right combination.
Mr. Jones	Johnny Weismuller.
Mr. Bradley	enough gym shorts.
Mr. Nicholson	the Concert Band.
Mr. MacGregor	a 24-hour school day.
Mr. Lander	une belle demoiselle.
Mr. Cunningham	Bermuda shorts and plaid knee socks.
Mr. Newhard	square peas.
Mr. McCloud	authority.
Miss Goodrich	red sails in the sunset.

Can You

Anton	a convincing actor
Batalsky	with a limited vocabulary
Becker	a "well-rounded" fellow
Bertino	lost in a snow storm
Billheimer	boisterous
Boell	tall, dark, and handsome
Booker	a gay continental
Bralczyk	visualizing the flag
Breault	looking alive
Briggs	a ballet dancer
Brown, C.	losing his head
Brown, V.	not checking oil
Bruno	not mumbling
Carola	a center for the Warriors
Chadwick	sending for the "Atlas" course
Corbin	neutral
Corridoni	working over the week-end
Costello	chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission
Crane	dieting
Craun	with a New England accent
Darling	contented
Diorio	bald
Dornbach	not dieting
Eckard	master at the S-1 vs. J-1 spelling bee
Erario	class singer
Ermilio	conservative
Flanagan	cringing
Fritz	starting a youth movement
Harbison	on a Latin-American cruise
Havira	a landlubber
Hempel	enjoying classical music
Hodgson	in his crucial moment at Yankee Stadium
Holzinger	off the floor
Houghton	a timid lingerie salesman
Johnson	following Tarzan
Jones	with the Cassius look
Krachman	with 20/20 vision
Koltiska	a fluent speaker
Lawson	mannerly
Lewis, D.	a suave cosmopolite
Linthicum	a soprano
Long	a Martian
Lydic	down-to-earth
Lyons	under a bridge

Imagine?

Malumphy	without a girl
McCabe	thrown to the lions
McGhee	one of the crowd
Melvin	losing an argument
Miller	dating "Tokyo Rose"
Miron	one of the Budweiser horses
Morgan	pinned
Moroz	with earrings
Nelson	practicing
Newlin	borrowing
Newton	wrestling unlimited
Panfili	abstaining from ca'e
Pearson	mixing hables and caviar
Pelagatti	at Waterloo
Price	a Wall-Street magnate
Pudimott	a second "Schultzie"
Pustilnick	refined
Richner	going to Hallaban
Roach	caught for words
Roberts	a Southern colonel
Ronczka	a "live-wire"
Schoffstall	a "bouncer" in a night club
Sheitelman	with a manly stride
Shelesky	hairy
Shiels	emotionally shocked
Silvano	among the corn rows
Smeader	a Metropolitan Opera star
Smith	"tassitern"
Smyth	not explaining his impersonations
Snyder	replacing Walter Winchell
Stalford	without his "fellas"
Steinhoff	mayor of Munich
Stone	filibustering
Taylor	gift-wrapped
Tevin	without Nancy
Walendziewicz	prompt
Walker	self-sufficient
Wehrung	with a dull personality
Wiggins	a lumberjack
Witkowski	tripping the light fantastic
Wood	in shape
Worrell	hairless
Wybranski	playing reindeer games
York	with lock-jaw
Zimring	selling watermelons



HUM



DAZE

Socials



Left to Right: Mr. Wileman, Mrs. Wileman, Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Bradley, Mr. Bradley, Miss Knapp
Joan Kimmel, Bob Melvin

In preparation for our social life, dancing instructions in the small gymnasium first put the Class of '56 diligently in step.

After eight weeks of "slide, close, slide" and "clicky, clicky, one," we were ready to demonstrate our skill at our first coke party. Everyone agreed that it was fun and that we should have another. At our second party we found that we had gone far in overcoming clumsy feet.

Our afternoon parties soon became evenings of fun and frolic when we had our first Junior Dance on November 5, 1954. After that it was easy. Soon we approached our February fourth dance with confidence, and we were sorry when our Junior social life came to a close with the completion of our June third dance.

September 30, 1955 found us stepping out to our first Senior Dance. With great anticipation our second Senior Dance came on February third.

Scattered in and about our class dances were the Canteen, Swing Band, and Cadet Officers' Hops. These delighted everyone because the Seniors and Juniors got acquainted on the dance floor.

Now, as we approach our Commencement Dance, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to our hosts and hostesses, Mr. and Mrs. Wileman, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, and Mrs. Hartman. Deep gratitude goes to Miss McGhee for her sincere interest and tireless efforts in making our dances the success that they were.



Miss Miriam McGhee
Director of Social Instruction



SOCCER



First Row: Pelagatti, Silvano, Boell, Harbison, Fritz, Pustilnick
Second Row: Hodgson, Smith, Taylor, Houghton, Flanagan, Lawson, Newlin, Steinhoff, Stalford Wood, Shelesky, Johnson, Worrell

Our victories came against opposition such as Frankford, West Chester, Reading, Westtown, and Swarthmore high schools and the Junior Varsity of the University of Pennsylvania. The rival game with Northeast was played for once on our home field, a large crowd viewed one of the best high school games of the year. The only score that could do justice to the teams that played that day was a 0-0 tie. It was that score that honored the effort of the two teams. Another scoreless tie was recorded after two extra periods of play with the "Plebes" of Annapolis. The one game lost was the one viewed annually by our student body on our opponents' field. In this game North Catholic scored the winning goal in the final seconds to break the 1-1 tie. One of the highlights of the year came when we punished Upper Darby 3-0, on the following day they became PIAA Soccer Champs.

Offensively we scored 33 goals in 13 games, an average of slightly over two and a half goals per game. The three linemen whose combined scoring included more than half of the goals were Jerry Lawson, Bill Stalford, and Harry Johnson. There were nine others who scored and showed the depth of the line. "Reds" Boell, co-captain, Joe Flanagan, Nick Silvano, George Steinhoff, Gene Buck and Cliff Crosbee combined their goals to make our line a dangerous offensive attack.

In the back field we had one of the best bulwarks of defeats the College has ever had. The four goals that were scored upon us averaged less than one-third goal per game. Half of our defenders attained a position on one of our city's honored teams. In the halfback positions were Ray Shelesky, Martin Pustilnick, John Smith, Ed Fritz, Joe Mancuso and our other co-captain, Bob Harbison. Playing behind the halfbacks in the two fullback positions were Rich Houghton and Fred Wood; these boys deflected many an offensive threat. Tim Worrell and Gary Hodgson topped off the sterling defense in the vital position of goaltender.

On the All-Scholastic and All-Independent teams chosen to honor the year's outstanding performers, we had four members. Fred Wood, was first-string All-Scholastic with Harry Johnson and Tim Worrell following on the second squad. On the All-Independent team were Bob Harbison and the three mentioned above.

BASEBALL



First Row: Mr. Hartman, Crosbee, Gruerio, Skojec, Evans, Wood, Johnson, Flanagan
Second Row: Havira, Shelesky, Hodgson, Malumphy, Lawson, Worrell, Wybranski, West, Stalford

The baseball team of 1956 was composed of almost all the lettermen of the previous year; a squad that finished with a 5-5 record. Old blood in the line-up along with a new coaching staff of Mr. Hartman and Mr. Cooper were the chief factors in this year's successful campaign.

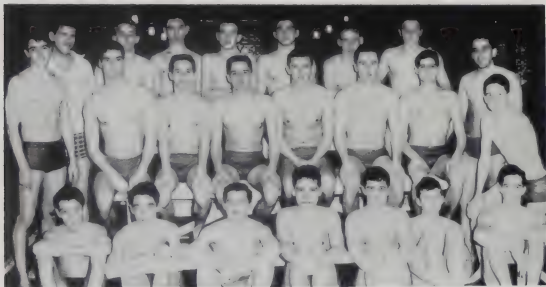
In the batting order, Harry Johnson, Joe Flanagan, Bill Stalford, Gary Hodgson, and Tim Worrell led the offense with batting averages all over .300.

On the defensive side both the infield and outfield were complimented again and again by the opposition for their fine fielding and ball hawking. Fred Wood captained the team and led the superb infield net of Tim Worrell, Harry Johnson, Joe Flanagan, Jerry Lawson, Stan Wybranski, Bill Skojec, and Don Kaltiska to a highly successful season. The fleetness of Ray Shelesky, Bill Stalford, Nelson West, Carl Havira, and Ed Malumphy caused many to call this year's outfield the best we've had for some time.

A pitching staff of only three members would be the downfall of many teams but not with our varsity hurlers. Cliff Crosbee, Gary Hodgson, and Dick Zenda retired many a side in relief and held the opposition to innumerable hitless innings.

Not only will graduation be a sad day for the Seniors, but also for the baseball team, for they lose 12 of their 14 lettermen. However big the loss may be, Mr. Hartman and Mr. Cooper will again drive through with another fine year that will be typical of Girard baseball teams.

SWIMMING



First Row: Cunningham, Lally, Hansen, Angell, Barrett, Davis, Keiser
 Second Row: Hartman, Krachman, Long, Havira, R. Roach, Boell, Batalsky, J. Roach
 Third Row: Mr. Jones, York, Crane, Tevin, Pelagatti, Lewis, Nelson, Wherry

The '56 tankmen proved they had record-breaking in their blood. Guided by Carl Havira, captain, and Bob Roach, co-captain, they smashed seven records. Carl had a hand in breaking four records and Bob three.

The real power of the team came in its size. The Seniors contributed thirteen "fish" to its number. Strong in every event, the team grabbed eight wins in eleven tries. Proudly we point at the claim they hold to fourth place in Pennsylvania, which they secured after edging out the traditional rival, Allentown, for the first time in the last decade. To begin a new relationship, Bainbridge barely fell at our hands. Among the other opponents to drop meets to the mermen were Northeast, Merchantville, Reading, George School, Westtown, and Germantown Academy.

The first of the marks to fall was the 150 medley with Carl Havira breezing through in 1:47.7. Not leaving well enough alone, he brought it down to 1:47.6, 1:47.5, and 1:47.3. Bob Roach had the 100 freestyle record, 55.9, and followed up by bolstering the 200 freestyle relay team. The rest of the relay team, Boell, as well as Juniors Hansen and Hartman, forced the record down to a blazing 1:41.0. In a new event, the 200 medley team of J. Roach, Pelagatti, Krachman, and Havira set a respectable mark of 2:03.7.

Producing the body and experience to guide the team to such an effective season were Nelson and York, the capable divers; Long, backstroker, Crane, Lewis, and Corbin. Doubling as Junior Varsity coaches were Bill Tevin and Jerry Batalsky.

Nothing should be said about the team without a word of praise for Coach Jones. The experience he gained with a previous Girard team was aptly applied to the tankmen. We join the coach in saying good-bye to a bunch of strong athletes and to one of the greatest swimming teams that ever hit the pool.

TRACK



First Row: Hansen, Stidham, Cusatis, Pharo, Castle, Blizzard
 Second Row: Young (Mgr.), Fritz, Pelagatti, Perazelli, Hartman, Schley, Wood, Johnson, Buck, Woomer, Walker, Erario
 Third Row: Mr. Bradley, Lydic, Steinhoff, Newlin, Wiggins, Jones, Morgan, Dorling, Chadwick, Briggs, Wehrung, York, Pearson, Zimring

With the dawning of March and the completion of winter sports, the '56 track try-outs and pre season warm-ups began. The most many could boast of in these early practices were fatigue and sore muscles. Soon the kinks left and we were in reasonable shape to enter our first meet.

While the stopwatches were clicked and tapes were stretched, an assortment of good times and distances appeared.

Kent Lydic and George Steinhoff were elected captain and co-captain respectively.

Kent, living up to all expectations, came through with a fine exhibition. He and Gus Pelagatti were responsible for many of the places we got in the sprinting events. Gus also contributed thoroughly in the low hurdles. George Steinhoff showed us his stuff in the 220-yard dash, but mainly in the 440, a grueling run for anyone. In another difficult event, the high hurdles, Bob Newlin excelled.

When the mass of half-milers crossed the finish line, Bob Wiggins always appeared with those in the lead. The "find of the year" was Frank Pearson, who, running the mile for the first season, always managed to come near the five-minute mark. Matching him stride for stride was Joe Morgan.

We were equally fortunate in the field events. Captain Kent Lydic led the team in both broad jump and the pole vault. For the second year in a row, Kent bettered the school record in the pole vault, ending well over eleven feet. Putting the shot over 40 feet, Rich Chadwick and Fred Zimring combined form with force. Charlie Walker contributed a fine showing in the high-jump, continuously looming around the five-and-a-half-foot mark.

This successful season would never have been possible without the help of many under classmen, for instance, "Ace quarter miler" Bruce Perazelli, and sprinter Johnny Hansen. More than any other though, we owe a great deal of thanks to Coach Bradley for both his fine knowledge of the sport and his deep-rooted interest in all of us.

BASKETBALL



First Row: Wood, Lydic

Second Row: Guerio (Mgr.), Worrell, Hodgson, Witkowski, Shelesky

Third Row: Lawson, Vrable, Holzinger, Pearson, Koltiska, Mr. Zdanowicz

Recovering from opening heartbreakers, the 1955-56 basketball team regained its stride in the February campaign to establish the best record in ten years. The closing record of 12-4 can be traced back to teamwork, experience, and the superb coaching of Paul Zdanowicz.

The season began when several of the weaker opponents turned the tables into hair-raising one point upsets. By the end of January the 4-3 record dropped the optimism of the squad to a bitter determination. After the sole loss in February to Temple Prep, teams of all calibers were pushed out of the armory. Beginning with Church Farm and then in rapid succession Germantown Friends at the time 2-1, George School, Haverford, Central, one of the city's best teams, and finally West town, the total of six straight victories were achieved. In the course of the season other notable teams were beaten. Penn Charter and Episcopal, the champion and co-champion of the Inter-Ac.

To have an outstanding season, there must naturally be certain places where the team is outstanding. One of these was in rebounding. Fortunately we had four fellows. Jerry Lawson, Bob Holzinger, Kent Lydic, and Frank Pearson, who captured over 75 rebounds. Scoring honors followed the same pattern every game with Jerry Lawson on top followed by Ed Witkowski and Bob Holzinger. As an exception to most teams the defense is what broke most of the opponents. Harassing forwards such as Fred Wood, Ray Shelesky, Tim Worrell, Ed Witkowski, and Kent Lydic, backed up by the heights of Don Koltiska, "Chuck" Vrable, Frank Pearson, Jerry Lawson, and Bob Holzinger forced the opposition to make their one shot count.

To the team of next year we leave a string of six victories, an excellent manager, Tony Guerio and a collegiate coach, Paul Zdanowicz.

WRESTLING



First Row: Drasher, Dornbach, Aldinger, McDevitt, Senick
Second Row: Morgan, Craun, Wood
Third Row: Mr. Bradley, Abele, Zimring, Smeader, C. Brown, Di Battista

The Girard wrestling team, growing like a weed, has established a name as one of the most-feared, up-and-coming teams in our area. Evidence of the fact arose at the Episcopal Invitational Tournament, in which the number of points was over twice that of the previous year and the very strong and powerful Junior High team that turned out a "terrific" season. Under Mr. Bradley and the morale building of the captain Joe Morgan, the varsity squad once again came out with a winning record of 6-5.

The five big leaders in scoring for the year were Captain Joe Morgan and Girard Senick, each of whom had 33 points. Joe Morgan was the champion of the 127 lb. division the previous year, and Girard Senick is the only undefeated, untied, and present Episcopal Invitational Champion on the team. George Dornbach, then second place man in his division at the tournament, followed by leaders with 29 points. Behind them came McDevitt and "Chuck" Brown, two members who were consistent throughout the entire year. Behind these constant winners were Ed Craun and Fred Zimring, both of whom captured third place at the Invitational Tournament. Other members of the team who did not place in the tournament, but who turned in fine season records, were Bill Smeader, Carl Drasher, Bob Aldinger, Rocco DiBattista, Wilbur Abele, and Gene Buck.

The job of manager posed a big problem since this year's squad was so large but Glenn Ritchey and George Young did a very capable job in all phases of the position.

GYM



First Row: Long, Pudimott, Stott
 Second Row: Erario, Moroz, Morrow, Steinhoff, Zenda, Stalford, McGhee
 Third Row: Corbin, Newlin, Bralczyk, Chadwick, Wehrung

With the passing of every new year at Girard, words like, "semis," "stits," "planches," and "carems" became a little more familiar to us. Of course, these terms could have come from only one place—the gym. For the last four years our class has had heavy participation in this sport. Always ready to try a new trick, we learned fast and gained valuable experience. By the Junior year, we had eleven members on the team.

This large squad produced its share of stars. Pats' Pudimott, the able captain, led the gymnasts on the mats; unexcelled tumbling routine dazzled all the spectators. On the horse and parallel bars, we had Rich Chadwick and George Steinhoff respectively. Don McGhee and Bill Stalford took most of the honors on the rings. To support these, we had Bill Moroz, Rich Houghton, Bob Newlin and Bill Wehrung.

The Class of 1957 helped us along with two good gymnasts, Dick Zenda and Pat Kerry. Dick helped us on all the pieces and Pat with excellent tumbling.

The '54-'55 season saw the gym team with a 3-2 record. With a tougher schedule in '55-'56 and some bad breaks the team still maintained wins over losses with a 5-4 record.

Some day, perhaps in the not-too-distant future, you will be reading one of these athletes' names in the sports section after he has won a gold medal in the Olympics. We expect just that.

FENCING

Third Row: Heany, deCamera, Finn

Second Row: Colland, Markauskas,
Vanderaar, Mr. Rothberg

First Row: Taylor, Richner



YALE TROPHY WINNERS, '56
Richner, Taylor, Vanderaar

Again Mr. Rothberg's team of talented fencers accomplished a successful season in their climb to the Yale Trophy, Pennsylvania's equivalent of the state championship. The trophy and final record of 6-1 climaxed Captain Harry Taylor's and Ben Richner's magnificent performances for Girard. The combined record of the two state champions is 46-6 with the losses coming from college competition only. Supporting help was given by Wayne Vanderaar, the third state champion, Al Markauskas, "Chuck" Finn, John Colland, John DeCamera, and the very capable manager Jim Heany.

I N T R A M U R A L S



First Row: Wybranski, Havira, Becker, Chadwick
Second Row: Briggs, Pearson, Roach, Schoffstall, Smyth, Bralczyk

For two years in succession the Class of '56 has taken the intramural soccer championship. J-1 got the "bacon" in '54; then S-1, with almost exactly the same team captured the title for the '55 season.

Firing the ball at the opponents' goal were Carl "Ace" Havira, Bob Roach, Frank Pearson, Richard Chadwick, Tony Bralczyk, and Jack Smyth. Playing the middle of the field were Bob Holzinger, Stan Wybranski, and Al Schoffstall.

Our defense was composed of Bill Briggs and Don McGhee, fullbacks, and that renowned goaltender, Captain Ralph Becker, guarding our goal.

The peak of the '55 season came when the redoubtable "Black Knights" were challenged by the Junior Varsity team. Rich Chadwick dented their net with a hard left drive, but shortly after that they retaliated. "Ace" Havira made the next scoring drive. At the end of the last quarter the "Black Knights" were victors again.



The final whistle of the play-off game found the S-2 team the Intramural Basketball Champions for the 1955-56 season. They claimed this victory over the S-3 team with a final score of 48-30.

The team consisted of center C. Walker, guards Gary Hodgson and Joe Flanagan, and forwards Roncicka, Darling, and Shiels. Bill Wehrung and Bob Newlin played several times also. The team played fast and fair throughout the season, with C. Walker, Gary Hodgson, and Joe Flanagan the average high-scorers respectively.

Front Row: Flanagan, Walker, Hodgson
Back Row: Bruno, Wehrung, Roncicka, Shiels, Newlin

LETTERMEN OF '56



First Row: Harbison, Taylor, Wood, Roach, Havira, Morgan, Pudimott, Steinhoff, Lydic, Lawson
 Second Row: Helzinger, Nelson, Craun, Batalsky, Silvano, Dornbach, Pelagatti, Johnson, Richner, Walker
 Third Row: Houghton, Fritz, Long, Hodgson, Stalford, Flanagan, Moroz, D. Lewis, Smeader
 Fourth Row: Worrell, Wybranski, Koltiska, C. Brown, Baell, Shelesky, McGhee, York, Malumphy, Wehrung
 Fifth Row: Krachman, Erario, Wiggins, Corbin, Witkowski, Newlin, Bralczyk, Chadwick, Pearson

BASEBALL

Flanagan	.....	'55, '56
Havira	.....	'56
Hodgson	.....	'55, '56
Johnson	.....	'55, '56
Koltiska	.....	'55
Lawson	.....	'56
Malumphy	.....	'56
Shelesky	.....	'55, '56
Stalford	.....	'55, '56
Wood	.....	'55, '56
Worrell	.....	'55, '56
Wybranski	.....	'56

TRACK

Chadwick	.....	'56
Fritz	.....	'54
Lydic	.....	'53, '54, '55, '56
Morgan	.....	'55, '56
Moroz	.....	'56
Newlin	.....	'55, '56
Pearson	.....	'56
Pelagatti	.....	'56
Steinhoff	.....	'55, '56
Wiggins	.....	'56
Zimring	.....	'56

SWIMMING

Batalsky	.....	'56
Baell	.....	'53, '54, '55, '56
Corbin	.....	'54, '55
Crane	.....	'56
Havira	.....	'53, '54, '55, '56
Krachman	.....	'53, '54, '55, '56
Lewis, D.	.....	'56
Long	.....	'55, '56
Nelson	.....	'52, '53, '55, '56
Pelagatti	.....	'55, '56
Roach	.....	'53, '54, '55, '56
York	.....	'54, '55, '56

BASKETBALL

Hodgson	.....	'55
Holzinger	.....	'56
Koltiska	.....	'56
Lawson	.....	'55, '56
Lydic	.....	'55, '56
Pearson	.....	'56
Shelesky	.....	'56
Witkowski	.....	'55, '56
Worrell	.....	'55, '56
Wood	.....	'56

SOCCER

Baell	.....	'53, '54, '55
Flanagan	.....	'55
Fritz	.....	'55
Harbison	.....	'54, '55
Hodgson	.....	'55
Houghton	.....	'55
Johnson	.....	'54, '55
Lawson	.....	'54, '55
Pelagatti	.....	'55
Pustilnick	.....	'55
Shelesky	.....	'55
Silvano	.....	'55
Smith	.....	'55
Stalford	.....	'54, '55
Steinhoff	.....	'55
Worrell	.....	'55
Wood	.....	'55

WRESTLING

Brown	.....	'56
Craun	.....	'55, '56
Dornbach	.....	'56
Miron	.....	'55
Morgan	.....	'53, '54, '55, '56
Smeader	.....	'55, '56
Zimring	.....	'56

GYMNASTICS

Bralczyk	.....	'56
Chadwick	.....	'54, '55, '56
Erario, Mgr.	.....	'55, '56
Harbison	.....	'54, '55
Houghton	.....	'54
McGhee	.....	'54, '55, '56
Moroz	.....	'54, '55, '56
Newlin	.....	'56
Pudimott	.....	'53, '54, '55, '56
Stalford	.....	'54, '55, '56
Steinhoff	.....	'54, '55, '56
Wehrung	.....	'56

FENCING

Richner	.....	'55, '56
Taylor	.....	'53, '54, '55, '56

Remember . . .

The booming voice across the Junior School playground: "Worrell, your mother will meet you on the other side of the bridge."

Hum clothes—knickers, khakis (kikies), and caterpillar coats

Messers' night

Farewell to the camp among the Poconos

Cure-all pills for broken ankles

The music-filled, noontime air.

Merchant and its midnight "bayonet" raids

The ones who didn't make it

Timing the Chapel speaker

The flashing flash bulb, the stumbling of feet, the clicking of lights, and, "What's going on in here?"

Friday night academy award winners and special short selections

Bordeaux' mirrors

The youth movement

Backstage goings-on at Wednesday play rehearsal.

Punching holes with Mr. Corrigan

A pianist who wouldn't play without a written program for all

The echoing voice of a mysterious loudspeaker in the third floor singing, "Don't let the kittie get in!"

Forty-five men in the telephone booth—Senior Class dance tomorrow night

WGC—Thumping of balls, swishing of nets

Room Inspection

Cake

That abominable third floor

Elsa—extras, tirades and operatic solos

6:58 Morning short-cut for all the late risers

Those downbeated expressions following mailcall

Studying in Center—Pool sharks, soda sops, and popcorn

The orderly Basic Ec. classes

Friday afternoon strict disciplinary training with the "Batty"

Our social life—fixed elimination dances and warm cokes

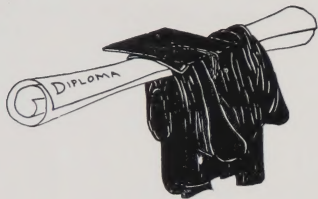
The "Slop Shop"

Keep off the grass contest

The invincible Black Knights of S-1

Exams, bum week, Commencement, and Farewell

AUTOGRAPHS



*When the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name
He marks not that you won or lost but how you played the game.*

—Grantland Rice

